

Weekend Weather

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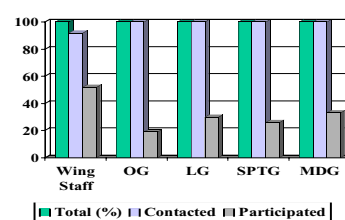
Saturday: Sunny – high 59, low 38

Sunday: Mostly sunny – high 55, low 33



Col. Burt Field, 8th Fighter Wing commander, will speak on Veteran's Day 11 a.m. Sunday at the base chapel. All are invited to attend.

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Wolf Pack says farewell to 7th AF commander

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As part of a retiring Air Force pilot's traditional farewell, 7th Air Force Commander Lt. Gen. Charles Heflebower made his final flight with the Wolf Pack here Wednesday.

"I had to come down here whether I flew or not and thank the people [of the Wolf Pack] for the great work they've done," said Heflebower. "Of course every flight is enjoyable, but it's not just flying the aircraft that's great, it's the people you get to associate with."

The general, who had several goals while serving as 7th Air Force commander, said his primary goal, to maintain readiness, was accomplished.

"Clearly, I'm very pleased with the peninsula-wide ORI (Operational Readiness Inspection) we had," said the general. "All of our airmen were looked at during their wartime mission and they all did very well—I'm very proud of that. It's a testament of the leadership that we have here."

Reflecting on a recent conversation with an airman who was assigned to Kunsan a few years ago, Heflebower discussed the impact serving here can have

on servicemembers.

"He [the airman] couldn't stop talking about his tour here—the mission, services provided, camaraderie, etc. It definitely shaped his vision about the way things ought to be throughout the Air Force," said Heflebower. "I think that's the magic of Kunsan. I'm very honored to have visited here periodically and very proud of the people who have served here."

The general was thankful he could say farewell in person.

"I would have been remised had I not visited Kunsan to say farewell because Kunsan has contributed dramatically to the success we have enjoyed as a numbered Air Force," said Heflebower. "The deterrence value, our readiness, our ability to fight tonight—Kunsan leads the way. I'd like to thank the men and women of the Wolf Pack for the great work they do."

Offering a parting piece of advice to airmen Air Force-wide, the general stressed the importance of learning.

"Learn everything you can from every assignment and learn as much as you can from observing others," said Heflebower. "Learn from others' experiences—good and bad."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shawn Sprayberry

Lieutenant Gen. Charles Heflebower, 7th Air Force commander (right), made his final flight at Kunsan Air Base Wednesday prior to his retirement Nov. 19.

Heflebower, leaving the Air Force after 34 years of active-duty service, has no regrets.

"The Air Force is a great place to serve. We truly are America's Air Force and I am proud to have been associated with it," he said. "I have had the oppor-

tunity to work for some great people and have had great people work for me."

Heflebower will relinquish his command to Maj. Gen. Lance Smith in a combined change of command and retirement ceremony at 3 p.m. Nov. 19 at Osan Air Base.

Family member SGLI coverage is automatic

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RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Married airmen who carry any amount of military life insurance will see a change in the amount deducted from their November pay as their spouses are automatically enrolled in the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance benefit Nov. 1.

Each child of a military member enrolled in the SGLI program will also be automatically covered for \$10,000 of life insurance free of charge. These changes were brought about by legislation that was signed into law June 5.

"This is a great deal for Air Force people — especially the free insurance for children," said Maj. Jerry Couvillion, chief of the casualty services branch at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "I don't know of any better deal out there."

Participation in the SGLI program for spouses is voluntary, but initial enrollment is automatic. Military members deciding they do not want coverage for their spouses will have to disen-

roll them to reverse the automatic registration, officials said.

"The inclusion of spouses gives military members and their children some financial help in the unfortunate event of a family member's death," Couvillion said. "However, enrollment for spouses in the program is not mandatory."

The spouse coverage comes in \$10,000 increments and cannot exceed the amount of coverage the military member carries, up to \$100,000.

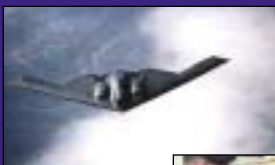
"If the military member is covered for \$100,000 or more, (his or her) spouse will automatically be enrolled for \$100,000," Couvillion said. "On the other hand, if a member is only covered for \$90,000, then the maximum amount the spouse can be covered for is \$90,000."

Military members can carry up to \$250,000 of SGLI coverage for themselves.

Coverage for children is also automatic starting Nov. 1, but it is free.

"If the military member holds any amount of SGLI, then

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